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In re Patent Application of:

First Named Inventor: Joseph Giovanni BARRESI Art Unit: 1793

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For: FOUNDRY ALLOY

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This to provide documentation of an October 7, 2008 Telephone Interview between Examiner Janelle Morillo and the Applicants' representatives, Michael A. Minter and David R. Schaffer, regarding an Amendment Accompanying RCE, dated August 28, 2008.

- (A) Exhibit(s) shown or demonstration conducted: None
- (B) Claims discussed: 1, 5, 20 and 21.
- (C) Prior art discussed: "Aluminum and Aluminum Alloys" ASM Specialty Handbook 1993.
- (D) Proposed amendments of a substantive nature discussed not already described on an Interview Summary form completed by the examiner: Amending Claims 1 and 5 to further limit the dendrite arm spacing to 10-20 micrometers would likely be sufficient to overcome the anticipation rejection and may be sufficient to overcome the obviousness rejection.

(E) General thrust of the principal arguments of the applicant: Certain aspects of Applicants' claimed invention distinguish patentably over the applied references.

(F) General indication of any other pertinent matters discussed: N/A

(G) General results or outcome of the interview: Applicants' may await issuance of an

Office Action and then file a response to such, potentially incorporating the amendments

discussed above. Alternatively, Applicants' may submit a Supplemental Amendment

within the next several weeks, for consideration by the Examiner prior to issuance of the

next Office Communication.

(H) Was interview via electronic mail, if so, a paper copy of the Internet e-mail

contents is attached hereto: N/A

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this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is

required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been separately requested,

such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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